1 SCOTT J. SAGARIA (BAR # 217981) ELLIOT GALE (BAR # 263326) 2 SAGARIA LAW, P.C. 333 West San Carlos Street, Suite 1700 San Jose, CA 95110 3 408-279-2288 ph 4 408-279-2299 fax 5 Attorney for Debtor 6 7 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT 8 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA – SANTA ROSA DIVISION 9 10 Case No.: 11-13214-AJ 11 In Re: 12 Chapter 13 DEAN GREGORY ASIMOS, **DEBTOR'S MOTION TO VALUE** 13 COLLATERAL AND AVOID SECOND Debtor. **LIEN** 14 NO HEARING REQUESTED 15 16 Judge: Hon. Judge Jaroslovsky 17 18 To Vincent P. O'Leary, an individual, Ocwen Financial Corporation, its 19 successors, subsidiaries, assignees, transferors, and all other interested parties: 20 21 Dean Gregory Asimos (hereinafter "Debtor") hereby moves this Court for an 22 order classifying the second mortgage (hereinafter "Debt") of Vincent P. O'Leary, an individual (hereinafter "Lender") as unsecured in that there is no equity in the subject 23 real property and to avoid the deed of trust in favor of Lender recorded against the 24 title of the real property located at 1040 East MacArthur Street, Sonoma, California 25 95476. 26 27

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## JURISDICTION AND VENUE

The court has jurisdiction over this proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§151, 157, and 1334 and Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7001. This is a core proceeding under 28 U.S.C. §157(b)(2)(F). Venue in this Court is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1409 because this motion arises in this bankruptcy case.

## **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

This case was commenced on August 29, 2011, when Debtor filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy Code. Debtor owns the aforementioned real property located at 1040 East MacArthur Street, Sonoma, California 95476 (hereinafter "the Property").

The Property has a fair market value of approximately \$607,600. The valuation is predicated upon the Debtor's information and belief and upon an online valuation incorporating analysis of square footage, amenities and recent sales of similar properties in the surrounding area, which estimate is attached as **Exhibit C** to the Declaration of Dean Gregory Asimos filed concurrently with the instant motion.

There is a first and second mortgage or deed of trust recorded against title of the Property. The first is in favor of Ocwen Financial Corporation and has a current amount owing of approximately \$764,872.80. The second deed of trust is in favor of Lender and has an approximate amount owing of \$125,000. A true and correct copy of Debtor's Schedule D (Creditors Holding Secured Claims) evidencing the balances of the liens as of the date of filing is attached as **Exhibit B** to the Declaration of Dean Gregory Asimos filed concurrently with the instant motion.

The second trust deed in favor of Lender is avoidable as the value of the Property is less than the amount of the first deed of trust. Therefore, the second deed of trust does not attach to the Property and is wholly unsecured.

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The second mortgage lien is therefore properly avoided by this Court and should be classified as unsecured. SAGARIA LAW, P.C. Dated: August 30, 2011 By: /s/ Elliot Gale, Esq. Elliot Gale, Esq. Attorney for Debtor